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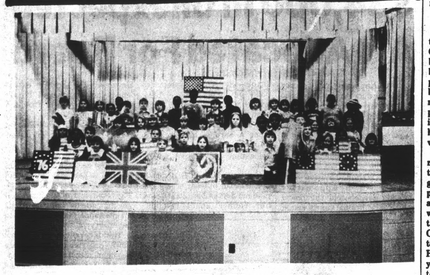

A Salute To The Flag At AES

The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Bonny Thomas and Mrs. Celestral Turner presented a bicentennial play, entitled "A Salute to the Flag", on Friday, June 4, at the Appomattox Elementary School. The play was based on the history of the flag and was a salute to our country's patriotic songs. It consisted of three tableaux from our history and a roll call of the 13 original colonies for their Independence. This play was a combination of art, music and history studies.

Vacation Bible School

Hebron Baptist Church will be holding its Bible School, June 21st through June 25th. Classes will be held each day from 8:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m.

There will be classes for ages 3 years through 15 years.

A nursery will be provided for worker's children.

A special class will be held each night for Teenagers age 14 and up.

Directors of the school are Mrs. John Routon and Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie. They invite you tocome and join in a week of Bible Study, Fellowship and Fun.

Celebrates Anniversary

On the third Sunday in June at 3:00 P.M. the White Oak Grove Junior Church will be celebrating their second anniversary. On the program will be the following groups- The gospel Centennials of Appomattox, the Alabama Chior, St. Luke Baptist Church, and Triumph Baptist Church. The sermon will be given by Rev. Lewis.

Class Reunion Planned

The class members of 1936 plan to get together at the Appomattox County High School on June 19 for a reunion. There will be a fellowship hour beginning at 6 p.m. Group pictures will be taken at 6:45, and dinner will be catered by Maude's Restaurant at 7 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

CLASSIFIED ADS GET RESULTS

The Pastor Speaks

God Comforts Those Who Are Brought Low

And who comforts like HIM? Go to some poor distressed child of God; tell him sweet promises and whisper in his ear words of comfort; he is like a deaf person. He cannot hear you. He is drinking gall and wormwood and try as you might but you have only words. You might have a short time of comfort but nothing lasting. But let God come to His child, let Him left us up and our eyes glisten with hope.

"In paradise, if you are there;
If you depart, 'tis hell."

You could not cheer him; but the Lord has done it; "He is the God of all comfort." There is no balm in Gilead, but there is balm in God. There is no physician among the creatures, but the Creator is Jehovah-rophi. One word of God is like a piece of gold, and the Christian is the goldbeater, and can hammer that promise out for whole weeks.

So, then the Christian, need not sit down in despair. Go to the Comforter, and ask Him to give you consolation. You are a poor dry well. You know when a pump is dry, you must pour water down it first of all, and then you will get water and so, Christian, when you are dry, go to God, ask Him to shed abroad His joy in your heart, and then your joy shall be full. Do not go to earthly acquaintances, for you will find them Job's comforters after all; but go first and foremost to your "God, who comforts those who are brought low," and you will soon say, "In the multitude of my thoughts within me Your comforts delight my soul"

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR TO MEET

The regular monthly meeting of the order of the Eastern Star will be held Monday June 21 in the Chapter Room at 8:00 P.M. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Virginia T. Ferguson,
Secretary.

The Sunday School Lesson

COMMENTS BY HERBERT C. BRADSHAW

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1976

Struggle and Growth

Scripture: Acts 11:11-18; 15:1-35; 19:23-27; Galatians 2:11-16

Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life. Acts 11:18.

Growth is a desirable characteristic of life, but it brings problems, for both individuals and groups. Business and industrial firms expand, but expansion increases problems. Communities grow, but growth brings new or larger problems, for example, in utilities, in education, in traffic and transportation, in fire and police protection.

No less in the religious community than in the secular growth brings problems. The Christian community was challenged to grow by its founder, Jesus Christ ("Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"), but there was no promise that growth would not be attended by controversy of problems. The expansion of Christianity to include other races and nationalities produced the greatest controversy of the New Testament Church, the question of whether Christianity was to become a sect within Judaism, with Gentile Christians required to become Jewish proselytes. The passages from Acts in the background Scripture for this lesson relate the controversy concerning Gentile membership in the Church. Students should also read Acts 1:1-6, for the first recorded church controversy, with its origins in cultural differences.

Before the end of the New Testament era a theological controversy had begun and was to continue for years in the Gnostic agitation. Out of this controversy came the Apostles' Creed, summarizing the doctrine and theology of the apostles, the men who had been taught by Christ. By the fourth century, the Church was divided in a new dispute over the nature of Christ (one feature of the Gnostic controversy). Arius led a party which held that Christ was neither God nor man, but a special order of creation; Athanasius maintained that Christ is both God and man. The Roman Emperor Constantine, who became a Christian shortly before his death, called a Church council which met in Nicea in 325 and formulated the Nicene Creed, emboding Athanasius' position, as the summary of orthodox Christian theology.

Differences between Christians in the East (the region around the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea) and the West (Western Europe) developed early, basically because of racial and cultural differences. Finally, in 1054, after disputes over the authority of the bishop of Rome (the Pope) and the patriarch of Constantinople, the Church split into the Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern, or Greek, Orthodox Church.

The bitterest controversy in Christian history came in the Protestant Reformation which not only split Western Christianity between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, but fragmented Protestantism into a number of denominations founded on doctrinal basis. Bitter as it was, leading to wars, intense persecution, imprisonment and even execution of individuals for their beliefs, the controversy proved healthy in giving to both Protestants and Roman Catholics a surer conviction of faith and a stronger motivation for Christian living, the former through taking the Scriptures as the basis of authority, the latter through the conclusions of the Council of Trent.

The two most vital movements of American Christianity, the Great Awakening of 1735-75 and the missionary movement beginning about 1800, provoked controversy. Congregationalists and Presbyterians were divided in support of and opposition to the revival which Christianized the American frontier and revived the spirituality of Americans generally. The revival element won in the Presbyterian division and promoted growth in that denomination. The Great Awakening proved the great stimulus to Baptist growth and laid the foundaiton for Methodist growth. Advocates of missionary involvement eventually prevailed in that controversy.

Growth in the Christian Church today produces problems and controversy. New Testament accounts of the early controversies provide guidelines for churches today in coping with problems and dealing with disagreements. The apostles sought and followed the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they confronted problems in the Church. In so doing, they set the proper examples for believers in succeeding generations to follow.

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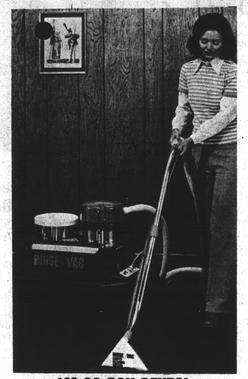

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Young Farmer Tour Slated June 18

The Young Farmers of Charlotte County will be host to the annual Southside Virginia Young Farmer tour, Friday, June 18. Young Farmer members from 14 counties will meet at the Randolph-Henry High School at 9 a.m. and proceed in buses to the agricultural businesses and farms to be visited.

The tour will include visits to the farms of Henry Wilmouth, Jimmy Carwile, Welford Whitlow, and Carroll and Preston Hamlett. The group of about one hundred will also visit the Virginia Crafts Texile Plant.

Sammy Martin of Appomattox County, president of the area YF organization, will preside during the day-long activity.

Arrangements for the tour were made by Joe Cole, instructor of agricultural education in the Randolph-Henry High School, and Bob Hall, Fidelity National Bank.

Liberty Chapel Baptist To Have Bible School

The Liberty Chapel Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School June 21 - 25 at 9:00 each morning. This school is for all ages of children, 3 – 17. The three year old department will be led by Mrs. V. M. Garrett,Sr. The four and five year old departments will be led by Mrs. Don Thornhill, Mrs. Malcolm Booker Jr. and Mrs L. C. Reynolds Jr. The younger children will be led by Mrs. H. T. Cheatham and Mrs. J. N. Williams. The older children will be led by Mrs. F. E. Williams and Mrs. Henry Stanley. The Youth Department will be led by Mrs. V. M. Garrett Sr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan. Refreshments will be served each day and a picnic for all the children and workers and any others who can come will be held at 12:00 on Friday. All children in the area are invited to our Vacation Bible School.

Food Preservation Workshop

Cannery instructors and supervisors from Appomattox, Bedford, Buckingham, Campbell, Charlotte, and Mecklenburg counties will participate in a workshop on food preservation at the Appomattox Middle School, June 22-23. The meeting is one in a statewide series being held to acquaint persons working with school community canneries with the latest state and federal regulations on food processing and recent developments in operation and management.

Appearing on the program will be Professor Charles B. Wood, Food Science and Technology, VPI&SU; Ray Vanbuss, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Commerce; and E. O. Gregory and C. Z. Parker, Virginia Division of Labor and Industry. Other resource persons will be area supervisors of agricultural education and home economics.

In 1975, more than 25,000 individuals processed 2,141,620 pints of food in 44 Virginia school community canneries. Food preservation is a joint program of the agricultural ducaiton and home economics departments in about 40 Virginia schools.

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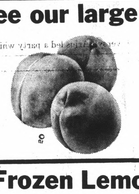

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